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CRITICAL NEED FOR PART-TIME WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

The growing number of wildland fires and their intensity has prompted a National Fire Plan that will enable Utah to better meet the challenges of providing public safety and protecting our natural resources. The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is now organizing fire and project crews to help reduce wildland fire hazards.

“The National Fire Plan is creating numerous positions for wildland firefighters at local, state and national levels,” explains State Forester Art DuFault. “As a result there is a critical need for part-time and full-time firefighters from entry level to seasoned crew members.

“Because many of the positions are seasonal the challenge of filling them is multiplied,” he added. “However, these positions are perfect for students, or others who can work through a summer fire season.”

Among the new fire resources being developed statewide are a new 20 person “Hot Shot” crew to be based in Draper, Utah. It will be staffed primarily by seasonal employees and will work on fires and projects in Utah and around the United States and its territories. Six new fire engine teams will also be hired and deployed throughout the state.

There are 46 new seasonal and full-time fire positions available through the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Qualifications vary from entry level to seasoned fire fighters. Interested individuals can learn more by calling (801) 571-0900, or checking the State Department of Natural Resources web site at www.nr.state.ut.us.

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